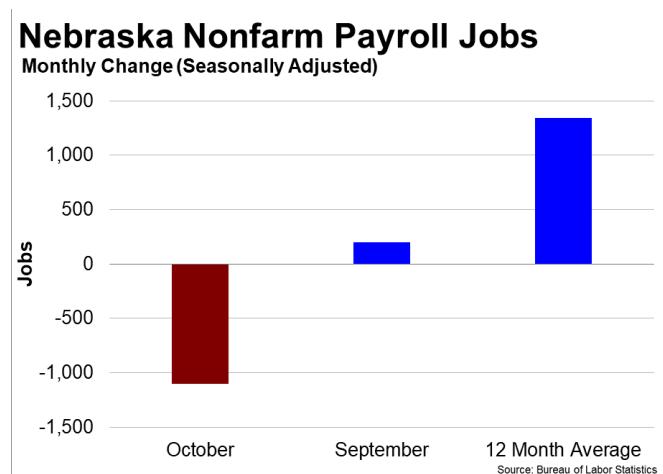
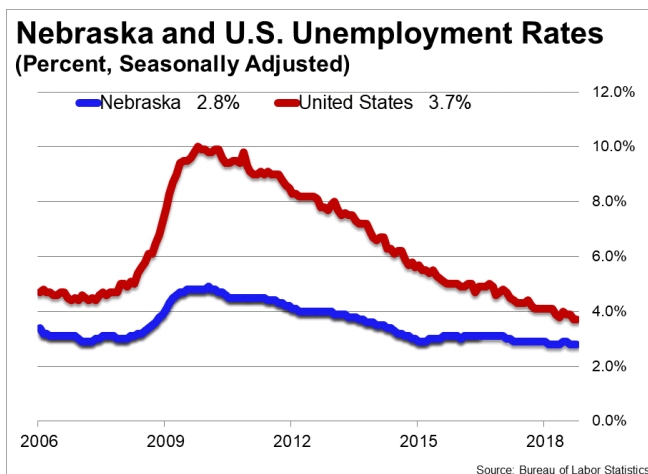




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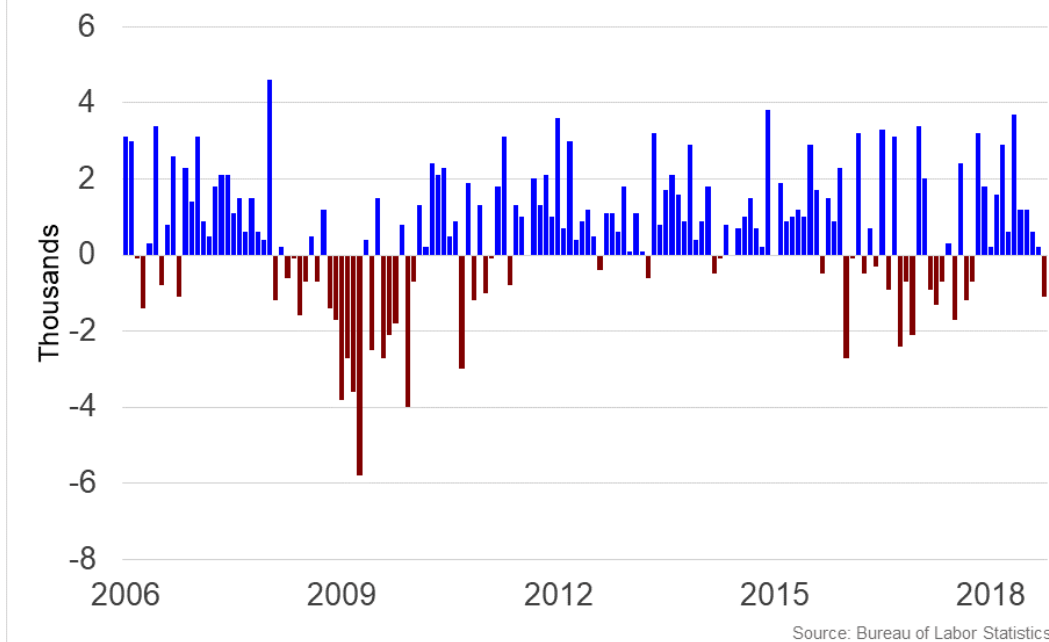
Summary

- **Nebraska lost 1,100 jobs and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 2.8 percent in October** according to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data.
- **Over the past twelve months, Nebraska added 16,100 jobs** and the unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point from 2.9 percent.
- **In October, Nebraska's private sector lost 400 jobs** and over the past twelve months it created 15,600 jobs.
- The number of **unemployed Nebraskans rose by 91 in October**, and over the past year 11,927 Nebraskans found jobs.
- Nebraska's **labor force participation rate remains unchanged** from 68.7 percent in October. Since last year, the labor force participation rate rose 0.2 percentage point.
- The national unemployment rate **was unchanged at 3.7 percent in October**. State employment and unemployment data for November is scheduled for release on December 21, 2018. The national employment situation report for November will be released on Friday, December 7, 2018.



Nebraska Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Monthly Change (Thousands, Seasonally Adjusted)



Nebraska Payroll Employment

Nebraska lost 1,100 jobs, or 0.11 percent, on a seasonally adjusted basis during October. In the prior month, Nebraska added 200 jobs. Over the past twelve months, nonfarm payrolls in Nebraska increased by 16,100, or 1.58 percent. Nebraska nonfarm payroll employment has increased in 11 of the past 12 months.

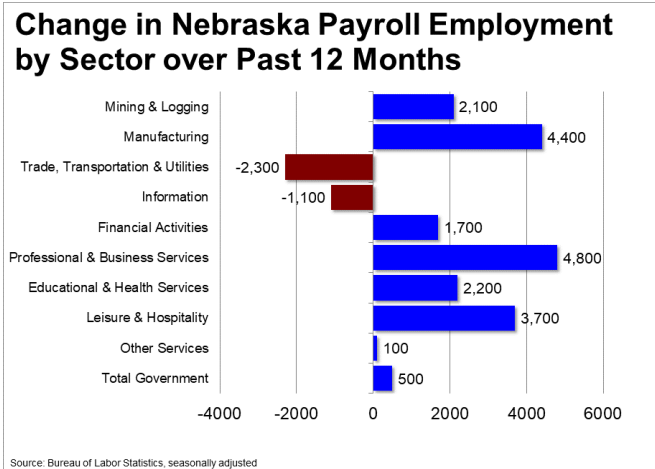
Nationally, nonfarm payrolls increased by 250,000 jobs in October, or 0.17 percent. Over the 12-month period ending October 2018, nonfarm payrolls grew by 2,516,000 jobs, or 1.71 percent. Nebraska ranks 15th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.

During October, Nebraska's private-sector lost 400 jobs, or 0.05 percent. The private-sector in Nebraska lost 1,200 jobs in the prior month. Over the past twelve months, private-sector payrolls in Nebraska increased by 15,600, or 1.85 percent. Nebraska private-sector payroll employment has increased in 9 of the past 12 months.

Nationally, private-sector payroll jobs increased by 246,000 jobs in October, or 0.19 percent. Over the past 12 months, the nation's economy has added 2,450,000 jobs in the private-sector, an increase of 1.96 percent. Nebraska ranks 16th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in private-sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

The best performing sectors on a seasonally adjusted basis during October were Professional & Business Services (+900) and Financial Activities (+100). The poorest performing sectors during the month were Trade, Transportation & Utilities (-700) and Total Government (-700).

The best performing sectors during the last twelve months were Professional & Business Services (+4,800) and Manufacturing (+4,400). The poorest performing sectors during the last twelve months were Trade, Transportation & Utilities (-2,300) and Information (-1,100).



Nebraska Labor Force Statistics

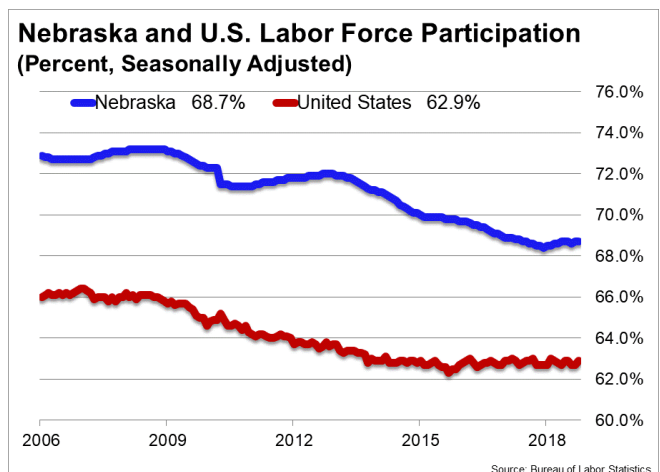
Labor Force Participation

The labor force participation rate in Nebraska was unchanged at 68.7 percent in October. At 68.7 percent, Nebraska has one of the five highest labor force participation rates in the nation. The labor force participation rate in Nebraska is unchanged from a year earlier. The labor force participation rate is the percentage of the civilian noninstitutionalized population age 16 and older who are employed or actively looking for work.

The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Nebraska was 73.2 percent in December 2008. The series high for the labor force participation rate in Nebraska occurred in May 2003 when the labor force participation rate hit 73.9 percent. The 10-year low for the labor force participation rate was 68.4 percent in December 2017. The series low for the labor force participation rate occurred in May 1976 when the labor force participation rate hit 65.1 percent. The national labor force participation rate rose by 0.2 percentage point to 62.9 percent in October, but remains near its 38-year low of 62.4 percent.

Employment-to-Population Ratio

The employment-to-population ratio, or the percentage of the Nebraska civilian noninstitutionalized population 16 years and older counted as employed, rose to 66.8 percent in October from 66.7 percent the prior month. At 66.8 percent, Nebraska has one of



the five highest employment-to-population ratios in the nation. The employment-to-population ratio in Nebraska is 0.2 percentage point higher than a year earlier.

The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio in Nebraska was 70.4 percent in November 2008. The series high for the employment-to-population ratio in Nebraska occurred in May 2000 when the employment-to-population ratio hit 71.7 percent. The 10-year low for the employment-to-population ratio was 66.5 percent in January 2018. The series low for the employment-to-population ratio occurred in July 1976 when the employment-to-population ratio was 63.1 percent.

The national employment-to-population ratio rose by 0.2 percentage point to 60.6 percent in October. That rate was 0.4 percentage point higher than a year earlier. The all-time high for the employment-to-population ratio was 64.7 in April 2000. The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio was 63.4 percent in December 2006. The recent low occurred in October 2013 when the employment-to-population ratio dipped to 58.2 percent. The last time the employment-to-population ratio posted a reading lower than 58.2 percent was July 1983.

